BBAC Regular Meeting Tuesday July 6, 2010:

Call To Order:

Meeting called to order by Chair Bjoern Brenner – all members present. Guest presenters were Susan Peithman and LeeAnne Ferguson from the BTA and Bruce Barbarasch from THRPD along with visitors Jim Parsons, Dave English, and Brian Walker.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to accept June 2010 by member Smith and seconded by member Conway. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote with no abstains.

Public Comments:

Visited Parsons noted that the committee should ask the city to make sure that requests are met. The police liaison noted that Mr. Parson's that he needs to allow the process to work and reminds citizens to not trim bushes or trees as they may be private property. Allow the city to work on it. Mr. Parsons also noted that the Trails Advisory Committee has taken the recommendation to install a ramp at the Fanno Creek/Hall St crossing then put a fence up. He noted the next meeting. Presenter Bruce noted that the plan was to propose a vote of approval in August and construction would begin in September. Finally he wanted to thank the members for attending the council meeting about Lombard feedback.

Presenter Peithman noted that JPAC meeting is Thursday AM and that the funding for funds and Green transportation will be voted on. She noted the BTA supports a 75% of fund for cycling and 25% for Green transportation. She asked the BBAC to follow that.

There were no other comments by visitors.

Staff Communications:

City Council:

Councilor Bode reported that members can appear as citizens and/or as committee members. Something to keep in mind when attending or planning to attend meetings such as the Lombard bike lanes which had 10 speaker in favor and 11 against. Also the chicken discussion continues and is getting high visibility because people are speaking and talking about it. Likewise to keep in mind about Lombard. Also poverty is still a major concern in the city – free meals are being offered to all minors under 18 with no ID required. Finally the city council move will take place on October 1, 2010. There is another council meeting about it. Committee members briefly discussed voting and moving the BBAC meeting. That was postponed to consider the idea and day further since the council move is several meetings away.

Discussion about BTA work – which leads to question by Chair Brenner about how to support various projects such as the BTA request which Councilor Bode suggested a simple 5-page letter in support. Liaison Middleton suggested that members do not rush and consider all the options since limited funding means some groups will get money and others won't. After a discussion a motion was made by member Smith to support this. Discussion took place then seconded by member Chapnick. Chair Brenner will write up a short notice of support and present it via email to the committee for vote. The motion to consider passing was approved 6-0 with 3 abstains (members Cortez, Barnes, Ruh). This is due Thursday morning so an email vote based on the letter will be taken if this is to follow through. A reminder there is only \$21 million for 25 cities in 3 counties. Spend wisely. Rose Biggi extension and improvements along Farmington from Murray to Hocken are focuses of the city and they would like funding too and not everyone can get it. Councilor Bode noted that the committee should send a note anyway because it reminds people and groups - BBAC is here an involved. Finally a note that confirmed Councilor Bode's observation by visitor English that the Green transport has hired a PR person to lobby their agenda which is a reflection that cyclists are no longer simply ignored. They are needed because cycling is no longer just some people but a factor to be acknowledged and dealt with.

Police Updates:

Report by officers Barrowcliff and Patrick who note that any cyclist reflects every cyclist and we should all ride safely, smartly, and legally. Officer Patrick relayed an incident during the past month where they were asked about if police enforce illegal cycling and noted in plain site an example by a cyclist who has visited the BBAC meetings before displaying incorrect cycling. They reminded us that the cyclist could have been cited and that anyone riding reflects all of cycling – both good and bad. Also they noted what great support the PD has had with safe rides and helmet programs for kids.

City Updates:

Liaison Middleton noted that there were 2 grants that take place every two years currently being submitted. One for the Federal Transportation Enhancement for Birchwood between OR8 and OR10 another for 155th from Sexton School up a few blocks. Items are laid out in the TSP and when funding is found they are pulled from the TSP into the CIP.

New Business:

THRPD:

Presenter Barbarash asked how THRPD may be able to join with Bike Beaverton options to create a Beaverton day like Sunday Parkways. Are there options for BBAC and THPRD to do the same? Suggestions ranged around about turning BB into a Sunday Parkway. Comments floated around. Member Conway noted the approach seemed to be to convert BB where its purpose was how easy it is to ride on open

roads and rather than one or the other, why not both – such as at the Beaverton Parade. Discussions will follow, THRPD will attend 2011 follow ups and consider BBAC comments. He thanked the group for their input.

Visitor Fergason presented overall bike safety and training including Safe Rides to Schools. This was a power point presentation available for viewing with detailed facts and figures about the focus of the program and its positive input.

Member Cortez presented the findings by attending the Oregon Bike Summit. Mtn bike organizations recognize Oakridge Oregon a 'ride center' which gives it elite status and helps economically support the economy with visitors. There are also other groups pushing health and safety concerns such as RideoergonRide.com, and PeopleForBikes.com a great meeting that Presenter Peithman noted will occur sometime during the state congress in 2011 and would be a great thing for everyone to attend. No cost since it would be during session, but Liaison Middleton noted we cannot lobby as a group.

Old Business:

Bike Beaverton 2010:

Planning session continued and final communications and plans were made since this is the final meeting prior to the event. Several items were addressed and several were clarified, and action items assigned. There is still some time to deal with last minute issues. A debrief will take place at the August meeting. Final discussions were made and resolved.

Trails Advisory Committee:

Update by member Barnes. The committee is working on completing several sections of the Waterhouse (boardwalk) path and how it will complete missing sections and link up to PowerLine to eventually connect all the way to the Nature Park. Also that the ramp will complete at Hall/Fanno before a fence is completed but that is still being recommended and not final at this time.

That concludes our group and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.